

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1, 17-19, 22 and 23 being independent. Claims 1-23 have been amended herein.

The title has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is requested.

The disclosure was objected to for several informalities. As to reference numeral 201, "ten-key pad" has been changed to --twelve-key pad--. Regarding page 12, line 22, the phrase referencing the start key has been deleted. Step "S1007" has been changed to step --S1107-- at page 28 of the specification as suggested by the Examiner. Further, at page 39, reference to step "S1708" has been added. Favorable consideration and withdrawal to the objection to the disclosure are requested.

Claims 1, 17-19 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,719,686 (Sakamoto et al.). Claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 15, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,005,673 (Murai et al.). Claims 4 and 14 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. in view of Murai et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,144,763 (Ito). Claims 6-8 and 12 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. in view of Murai et al. and of U.S. Patent No. 4,860,115 (Ogura). Claims 9 and 11 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto

et al. in view of Murai et al., and Ogura and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,761,394 (Sugiura et al.). Claim 10 was rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al. in view of Murai et al. and Ogura and in further view of Ito. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Sakamoto et al. relates to an image communicating apparatus including a color scanner unit 1-10, a printer 1-12, a modem 1-5 and an encode/decode unit 1-4 including a raster-block conversion unit 4-1, a color converter 4-2, a JPEG encoding unit 4-3 and an MH encoding unit 4-5.

However, Sakamoto et al. is not believed to disclose or suggest at least that if a color read mode is designated as a read mode and either first output means (for printing the image on a printing medium and outputting the image) or third output means (for outputting the read image data to a connected information processing apparatus) is selected, a color space to be transformed is different from a color space for a second output means (for transmitting the image to a communication partner terminal via a facsimile), as is recited in independent Claims 1, 17 and 18.

Nor does Sakamoto et al. disclose or suggest at least that if compressed color image data is output to a facsimile communication line, a color space to be transformed is different from a color space to be transformed when the color image data is output to a destination other than the facsimile communication line, as is recited in independent Claims 19, 22 and 23.

Thus, Sakamoto et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in the independent claims.

The remaining citations have been reviewed, but are not believed to remedy the deficiencies of Sakamoto et al. noted above with respect to the independent claims.

Thus, independent Claims 1, 17-19, 22 and 23 are patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the §§ 102 and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 1, 17-19, 22 and 23. Dependent Claims 2-16, 20 and 21 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims.'

Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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